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## FRENCH SMASH 3-MILE "HOLE" IN ENEMY LINE

Allied Forces in West Relentlessly Driving Against Teuton Defenses.

### CASTRES-ESSIGNY TAKEN

Frenzied by Sight of Ravaged Countryside, Nivelle's Men Are Irresistible.

(By the International News Service.) Amsterdam, March 25.—British and French forces in the west again smashed relentlessly forward all along the line between the Somme and Aisne rivers during the last twenty-four hours.

The most notable success scored in this advance by the French was the capture of the position embracing Castres and Essigny-le-Grand, on a front of nearly three miles.

Teuton resistance is constantly stiffening, today's official reports indicate. The French night communiqué speaks of a "desperate struggle followed by a strong defense by the Germans."

"The French, however, infuriated by the utter devastation of French homes and hearths left in the Teuton wake, fought with redoubled tenacity and broke the opposition everywhere."

"Our soldiers," says the Paris report, "aroused by the spectacle of the ravages committed by the Germans, everywhere drove back the adversary, who suffered serious losses."

Close to St. Quentin.

The position comprising Castres and Essigny-le-Grand, conquered by Gen. Nivelle's troops today, brings the French menacingly close to St. Quentin. They also made new and important headway in the gradual encirclement of inundated La Fere, this time striking southwest of the stronghold.

The British advance was less far-reaching. Sir Haig's troops consolidated their new positions west of Ronsel, carried out a successful trench raid north of Loos and beat off German raids.

Berlin officially describes today's withdrawal before the French as a "giving away of our protecting troops, following their orders."

Heavy losses were inflicted on the French, the statement says. Success is claimed in a "powerful charge" on the north bank of the Aisne.

The German war office reports the destruction of seventeen French and British aeroplanes. The British report says the German machines "were driven off out of control." It is admitted that four British machines are missing.

Berlin, via Sayville, March 25.—(Night Official)—In the west there was lively fighting actively between the Somme and the Crozat Canal.

From the eastern and Macedonian fronts, nothing important is reported.

Berlin, via Sayville, (wireless), March 25.—Turkish headquarters report Russian cavalry attacking in the vicinity of Bane was repulsed. One officer and 11 men were taken prisoners.

## GUARDS LINE ROADS AS SPY PRECAUTION

Equipped with Motorcycles They Scrutinize Every Passing Traveler.

Motorists who took advantage of the ideal weather yesterday and had their cars out for the first real spin of the season were startled when they ran guardposts of guards at Calra John Bridge and along the roads in the vicinity of Del Carla reservoir.

The bridges and conduits in this section are being closely guarded to protect them against any destruction by spies. Practically all of the guards have motorcycles to insure quick dispatching to scenes of any trouble. They are in civilian clothes.

The hundreds of automobiles which passed by were closely scrutinized.

## POLICE RIFLEMEN WILL GUARD CITY

Army Officers to Train Blue-coats in Use of Service Weapons.

Fully equipped and instructed in the use of the modern United States army rifle, the Metropolitan police of Washington will within the week be prepared to defend the city and public buildings.

Within the next few days a common sight will be blue-coated figures pacing his beat with a Springfield army rifle swung across his shoulder and a cartridge belt about his waist. Lewis machine guns for emergency will be kept at headquarters. Drills and instruction in the use of the rifle will start this morning, and within the next few days each station in the city will be fully equipped with stands of arms and ammunition sufficient for use of the men in any emergency.

The move is a part of the preparedness plan and because more than 50 per cent of the 672 local policemen are former service men, with experience in the United States army, navy or Marine Corps, the work of training the force is expected to progress rapidly.

Officers to Assist.

The move was decided upon yesterday when Major Pullman, superintendent of police, was in conference with high army officials.

Capt. Oliver P. Snyder, U. S. A., will assist in the instruction of the police-soldiers with the rifles. Major William C. Harline, U. S. M. C.; Brig. Gen. Fred H. Phillips, Jr., together with other officers of the National Rifle Association, have promised to lend their aid in training the men. Col. Thomas S. King, instructor of the National Guard in rifle practice, will also assist.

Major Pullman has called a meeting of inspectors, captains and lieutenants of the force.

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## CITE RAIDER LIST Twenty-four More Ships Are Named Victims of Moewe.

(By the International News Service.)

Berlin, March 25.—An admiralty statement issued today gives an additional list of more than a score of ships captured as prizes of war by the German auxiliary cruiser, Moewe, which recently returned from its second cruise of the Atlantic.

The raider, whose picturesque exploits in the South Atlantic seas, earned her the title of the "Phantom ship," because of her elusiveness in avoiding capture, and her readiness with which she changed her appearance with every fresh attack, arrived in a German port with 500 prisoners on board.

The end of her second cruise terminated what was perhaps the most startling mission ever granted such a craft. During this cruise it was learned today, the Moewe lost one officer and four men. These were killed in an engagement with the British armed merchantman, Otaki, which went down fighting.

## YOUNG MAN, JOIN THE NAVY! UNCLE SAM NEEDS 20,000 MEN

Young man, enlist in the navy!  
You are wanted, without delay. President Wilson has made room for nearly 20,000 additional sailors in Uncle Sam's fleet, and the way is open for the youth who wants to serve his country.

Navy recruiting already has been greatly stimulated by the prospect of war, but the increase of authorized strength in the enlisted personnel should double and treble the present rate. The opportunity for patriotic service was never as attractive as it is now.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels calls to you on behalf of the nation. The need is pressing and the will to serve will unquestionably be aroused, as soon as the appeal is read.

## Great Patriotic Rally Planned for Capital By D. A. R. and The Herald

A national patriotic rally by every patriotic society and school in Washington, and by countless thousands of individuals, is to be staged within the near future in the shadow of the National Capitol.

From the front steps of the big building some of the most prominent men and women of America, headed, it is planned, by President Wilson, will speak and pledge their fealty to the country in its present crisis. And on the plaza below the thousands of auditors will endorse and repeat those same pledges.

PLANNED BY D. A. R.

The rally, local in setting, but cosmopolitan in make-up and national in scope, was originally planned by the Daughters of the American Revolution, and, at their request, is being actively managed by The Washington Herald, which is working out the details.

Every patriotic society in the District will be invited to co-operate and assist in the arrangements, that the rally may be the biggest thing of its kind in the nation's history.

Held in Other Cities.

Similar rallies have already been held in several cities, but these have all been confined exclusively to a single city, or, at best, to a single State. The rally to be held here will represent not only the Capital, but the entire nation. Even the island possessions and far-off Alaska will be represented.

Plans for the rally, which will show the President shouldering the Capital and the nation stand shoulder to shoulder with him in his course through the war crisis, were first taken up by some of the District chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution more than a week ago.

No definite progress or plans were made, however, until The Washington Herald, heart and soul with the movement, suggested lending it aid. Arrangements for speakers of national fame, a musical program, probably by the Marine Band, and a vast chorus singing of patriotic airs, and a gathering that is expected to include every real American in the District, will be features of the pageant.

An invitation will be sent to the President.

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## WATCHING SPIES MAY ADD 2 POSTS

Army of Detectives to Rid U. S. of Teuton Agents.

Every channel of government activity last night worked under pressure to provide "spy insurance" for the nation in the event of war with Germany.

An army of Secret Service men and agents of the Department of Justice, spreading a drag-net from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Mexican border, had under surveillance thousands of "spy suspects" and German sympathizers. A declaration of war between the United States and Germany, it was learned last night, will be followed immediately by wholesale arrests and internments.

Among the thousands under surveillance are a vast number of German reservists, caught in the United States at the outbreak of the European war and unable to get back to the German army. Every reservist has been listed by the secret agents, after a vast amount of labor, and a war declaration would be the signal for their immediate apprehension and internment.

Plans are under way for several great internment camps in various parts of the country where the German aliens will be placed under guard. In addition to these reservists, the Secret Service agents have under surveillance a vast number of naturalized Germans, whose activities during the recent crisis have brought them under suspicion. Many of these are wealthy and influential men in com-

## U.S. ARMY REORGANIZED; 87,000 FOR SEA FORCES; MILITIA PROTECTS CITY

### WILSON BOOSTS NAVY STRENGTH

Authorized Enlisted Personnel Jumped to 87,000 Men by Order.

The need of more men to man the navy, which forms the nation's first line of defense, was emphasized last night when President Wilson, by executive order, increased the authorized enlisted strength of the navy to 87,000 men. The executive order, issued Saturday, was made public by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, with a plea for patriotic aid in increasing navy enlistments.

The order, issued under authority of the naval appropriation act of the present year, would add 19,000 blue-jackets to the enlisted personnel. Every man of them will be needed to man the new ships being rushed to completion, the reserve fleet ordered into commission, and the mosquito fleet of "submarine chasers," which has been ordered constructed in record time. It is probable that a further increase in the legal limit will be asked when Congress convenes.

The executive order, as made public by the Navy Department last night, read:

"By virtue of the authority vested in the President by the act approved August 29, 1915, entitled 'An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes,' it is hereby directed that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000 men."

(Signed.) "WOODROW WILSON."

White House, March 24, 1917.

Under legal authorization, the naval strength was limited to 68,000 men with an allowance of 6,000 men in training. The recent recruiting campaign, while it has materially increased enlistments, has brought the strength up to only about 62,000 men, it was stated.

In announcing the President's order, Secretary Daniels said that he had telegraphed personally to the managing editors of the newspapers of the country, urging them to co-operate with the navy in its recruiting campaign. He said that with the aid of the newspapers, he expected that the navy personnel would be filled up in a very short time.

Meantime, the Navy Department will continue its efforts to rush construction. Secretary Daniels and his aids will confer this week with the shipbuilders and with the manufacturers of material necessary for the building of the enormous naval program now contracted for. Arrangements will be made to supply the builders with material just as fast as it can be used. The department officials will also co-operate with the labor committee of the advisory committee of the Council of National Defense, in order to make sure that shipbuilders and material manufacturers are supplied with the men and unskilled labor necessary to speed up construction.

### CONGRESS LAYS PLANS FOR WAR LEGISLATION

House Ways and Means Body Will Meet to Consider Organization.

Congress leaders last night laid their plans for the preliminary steps to be taken this week toward the organization of the special session that meets next Monday, and the framing of war legislation.

Democratic Leader Kitchin, of the House Ways and Means Committee, yesterday called a meeting of the Democrats of that committee for Wednesday, to talk over organization affairs. The committee will also discuss the administration plans for the immediate granting of a huge war credit by Congress. It is probable the question of extending vast financial aid to the allies, if war is declared between the United States and Germany, will also be discussed. Until after the organization of the House is completed, however, the leaders can make no definite legislative plans.

### RUSS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO REVOLT MINISTERS

Petrograd, March 25.—Appeals of the ministers of Russia's provisional government for the loyal support of all Russians in these days of trial, met with hearty response today.

Premier Lvoff received a telegram today from Grand Duke Alexander Michailovitch, in Kiev, pledging loyalty to the new government. The pledge was made also in behalf of Grand Duchess Xenia, a sister of the former Emperor.

### Wilson Takes Rest Before Real Trial

A real day of rest and recreation was taken by President Wilson yesterday in preparation for the arduous duties which he expects to confront during the next two weeks.

The President, after attending church in the morning, took a long motor ride with Mrs. Wilson during the afternoon.

Later, he and Mrs. Wilson left the White House and for an hour strolled through the trees in Potomac Park. The President spent the evening quietly at home.

### COLORED TROOPS CALLED TO DUTY

First Separate Battalion, D. C. N. G., Ordered Out to Protect Capital.

There was warlike preparation at the L. Street Army last night, following the receipt of an order from the War Department, calling into service the First Separate Battalion, the colored infantrymen of the District National Guard.

Brig. Gen. William E. Harvey, in command of the local militiamen, was ordered, late yesterday afternoon, by Secretary of War Baker, to at once order this battalion to be in readiness to see the Federal service.

Until a late hour last night Gen. Harvey and his staff were in consultation at the War Department, discussing plans for the mobilization of the complete Guard unit, and ways and means for the handling of their men in the event that all of them should be called.

The news of the calling of the First Separate Battalion spread like wildfire among the guardsmen and hundreds of them flocked to the army expecting that before midnight all militia companies would be called. The men easily discussed the probability of an emergency, in spite of the fact that they have had but a brief vacation since their service on the Mexican frontier.

The First Separate Battalion is in command of Maj. James E. Walker and comprises approximately 500 men. This was the first organization from Washington to go to the Mexican border last fall and the first to be mustered out.

This battalion was not actually mobilized last night, and no move of mobilization will be made until orders are received from the Department of the War, in which branch of the army the men will serve. Gen. Harvey hourly awaited such orders, which will designate the place and service of the troops, but they were not forthcoming up to an early hour this morning.

It is generally believed that the troops will be ordered to guard duty at vital points about Washington, such as railroad bridges, reservoirs, pipe lines, and other places where considerable damage could be wrought by spies in the event of the declaration of war.

Nearly all of the members of the battalion which has been called were at the army last night awaiting instructions. They looked over their equipment and generally brushed up for an immediate transformation from citizens to soldiers.

This transformation will be very much more rapid than it was last fall. Those troops which served on the border are seasoned soldiers, not only in military experience but in equipment as well.

### DEATH STALKS PULPIT AS MINISTER EXHORTS

Pastor Stricken as He Calls Sinners to Mourners' Bench.

No longer will the forceful "hellfire and brimstone" sermons of the Rev. Herman Franklin, colored, bring sinners to the mourners' bench in the little Pilgrim Baptist Church, at Third and Van streets, Sunday.

Stricken in the midst of one of his most forceful bursts of eloquence, the pastor plunged from his pulpit heading to the floor yesterday afternoon.

### MAY RAISE ARMY OF MILLION MEN

Orders Issued Paving Way for Reorganizing Entire Military Framework.

Orders to make ready and effectively available all of the man-power of the nation in the event of a declaration of war between the United States and Germany were issued by the War Department yesterday. Under the personal direction of President Wilson, the military authorities cleared the way for the organization of an army of millions of men immediately upon action by Congress when it meets in extraordinary war session a week from today.

A sweeping general order, issued by Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, reorganized the entire departmental framework throughout the country to "facilitate the centralization of commands." At the same time more than a dozen regiments of the State militia were called into the Federal service under orders to guard and protect the vital points of the nation's life from attacks coming from without and from possible disloyalty within.

Under the reorganization plan ordered into operation yesterday the War Department will be able speedily to enlist and mobilize an army of millions through the extension of the skeleton organization now in the service. No move will be made toward augmenting the military force, however, until Congress has spoken in the international crisis.

May Call Volunteers.

If the Congress declares the existence of a state of war, however, the War Department will be ready to start enlistments at once. A call for volunteers, or legislation authorizing some form of compulsory military training would bring to the newly organized headquarters throughout the country, the men needed to uphold the nation's honor at once.

Meantime the administration will rely upon the National Guard for home defense, and throughout the country the militia under yesterday's orders will be available for guarding bridges, waterways, arsenals, and other government plants, and munitions factories which will be essential to the army in time of war.

By the time Congress is ready to act, the War Department proposes to have every preliminary step taken, and to be ready for immediate and aggressive military movements.

The army reorganization scheme ordered yesterday establishes six instead of four great military departments throughout the country, with a general army officer in command in each department. The order is effective May 1, but it was stated last night that the department would not act once to make the necessary changes.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood will leave the army to take command of the new department.

### FLAMES SWEEP STORES; WREAK \$20,000 DAMAGE

McCrorey's "Five-and-Ten" and Dry Goods Shop Burn.

Fire of undiscovered origin broke out in the McCrorey five-and-ten-cent store, 324-S26 Seventh street northwest, shortly after midnight this morning, spread to the drygoods store of Jacob Kohner, 322 S. Milwaukee, and in a few minutes nearly an hour before it was discovered, wrecked the second and third floors of both establishments. The damage was roughly estimated at \$20,000 at an early hour this morning.

The fire was discovered by Policeman M. K. Humphries, of No. 6 precinct, who found smoke pouring from the upper windows of both the stores. He turned in an alarm, and fifteen minutes later a second alarm was turned in. When the firemen arrived they found flames leaping from three sides of the five-and-ten-cent store, and from the front and rear of the drygoods establishment. For a time the fire was turned in, but would spread and destroy the entire block.

It was too late to attempt to save any of the goods in either of the establishments. Much of the first work of the firemen was directed toward saving the adjoining buildings. Deputy Chief Sullivan believes the fire started in the second floor of the McCrorey store.

### PAPER BACKS KAISER; THREE GERMANS QUIT

Quartet of Milwaukee Free Press Directors Tender Resignations.

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